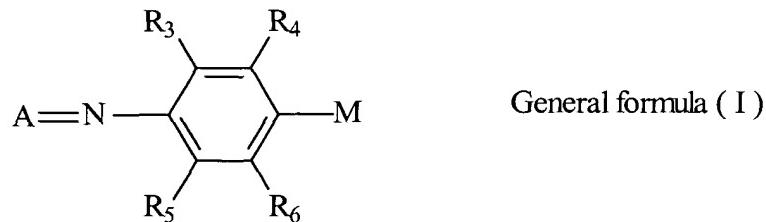


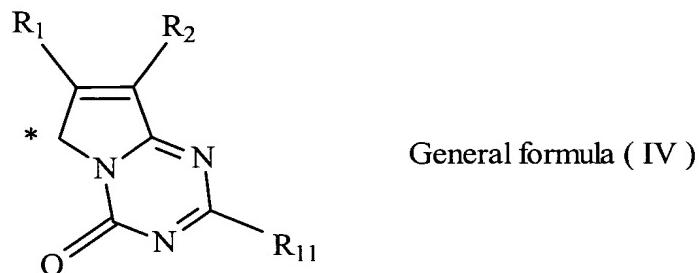
**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An ink-jet ink comprising a coloring composition including an oil-soluble dye represented by following general formula (I):

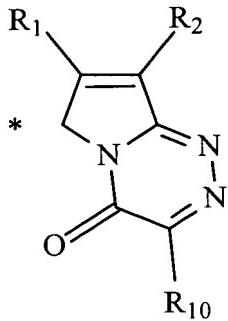


wherein A represents a group represented by one of general formulae (IV) and (VI) to (XX), R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>6</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a first substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom; an alkyl group; an alkenyl group; an aryl group; a heterocyclic group; a cyano group; a silyl group; a hydroxyl group; a nitro group; an alkoxy group; an aryloxy group; a heterocyclic oxy group; a silyloxy group; an acyloxy group; an alkoxy carbonyloxy group; an aryloxycarbonyloxy group; a carbamoyloxy group; a sulfamoyloxy group; an alkylsulfonyloxy group; an arylsulfonyloxy group; a carboxyl group; an acyl group; an alkoxy carbonyl group; an aryloxycarbonyl group; a carbamoyl group; an amino group; an anilino group; a heterocyclic amino group; a carbonamide group; a carbamoylamino group; an imide group; an alkoxy carbonylamino group; an aryloxycarbonylamino group; a sulfonamide group; a sulfamoylamino group; an azo group; an alkylthio group; an arylthio group; a heterocyclic thio group; an alkylsulfinyl group; an aryl sulfinyl group; an alkylsulfonyl group; an arylsulfonyl group; a sulfamoyl group; a sulfo group; a phosphonyl group; and a phosphonoylamino, and wherein the first substituent is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of the substituents from which the first substituent is chosen, M represents -OY or -N(R<sub>7</sub>)(R<sub>8</sub>), Y represents a hydrogen atom or a cation

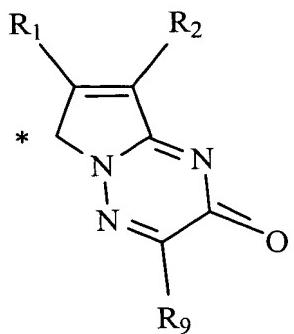
necessary for neutralizing charge of an oxygen ion, R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> each independently represents an alkyl group, aryl group, heterocyclic group, acyl group, alkylsulfonyl group, or arylsulfonyl group, R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> may be bonded to each other to form a ring, any of a pair R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> and a pair R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> may be bonded to each other to form a ring, and any of a pair R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> and a pair R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> may be bonded to each other to form a ring, and general formulae (IV) and (VI) to (XX) are as follows:



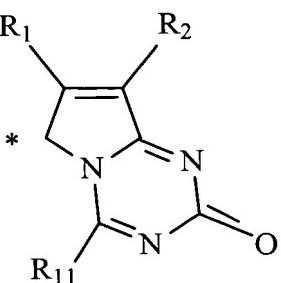
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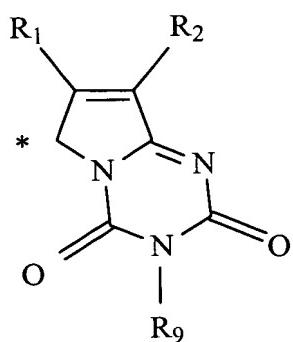
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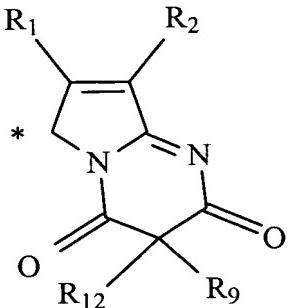
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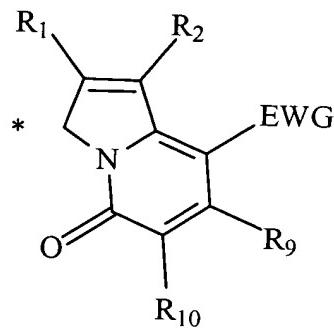
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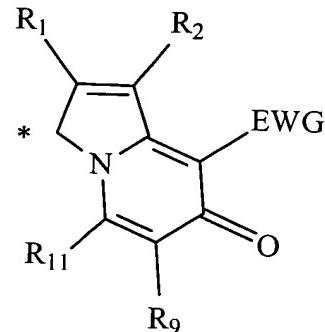
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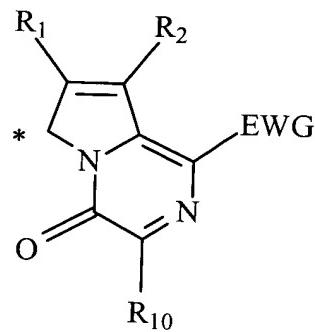
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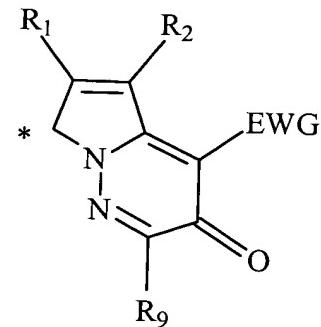
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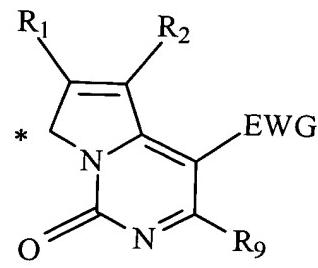
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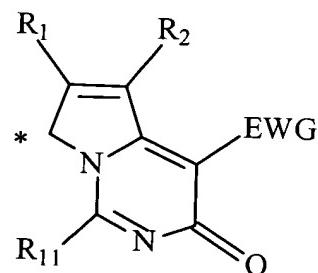
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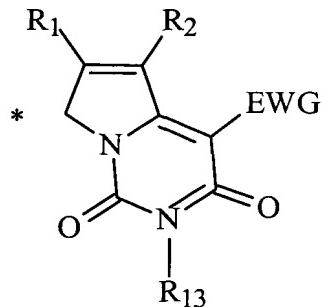
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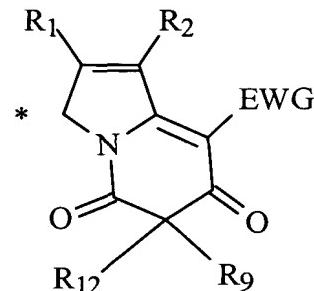
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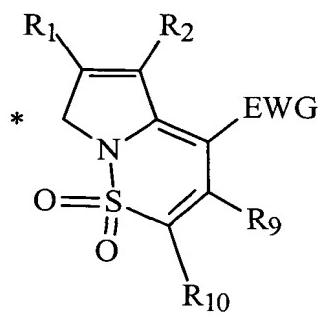
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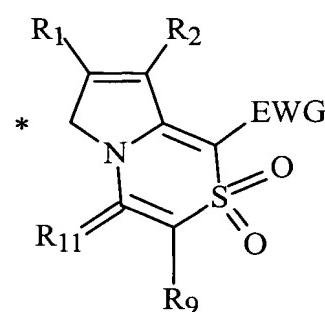
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General formula (XIX)



General formula (XX)



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>9</sub>-R<sub>13</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a second substituent; R<sub>2</sub> represents a substituent, selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom; an alkyl group; an alkenyl group; an aryl group; a heterocyclic group; a cyano group; a silyl group; a hydroxyl group; a nitro group; an alkoxy group; an aryloxy group; a heterocyclic oxy group; a silyloxy group; an acyloxy group; an alkoxycarbonyloxy group; an aryloxycarbonyloxy group; a carbamoyloxy group; a sulfamoyloxy group; an alkylsulfonyloxy group; an arylsulfonyloxy group; a carboxyl group; an acyl group; an alkoxycarbonyl group; an aryloxycarbonyl group; a carbamoyl group; an amino group; an anilino group; a heterocyclic amino group; a carbonamide group; a carbamoylamino group; an imide group; an

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Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An ink-jet ink according to claim 1, wherein A in general formula (I) is a group represented by general formula (IV).

Claim 3 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 1, wherein the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) is dispersed in a water-based medium.

Claim 4 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 3, wherein the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) is dissolved in a high boiling point organic solvent having a boiling point of at least 150°C and a dielectric constant of 3 to 12 before being dispersed in the water-based medium.

Claim 5 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 3, wherein coloring particulates, which contain the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) and an oil-soluble polymer, are dispersed in the water-based medium.

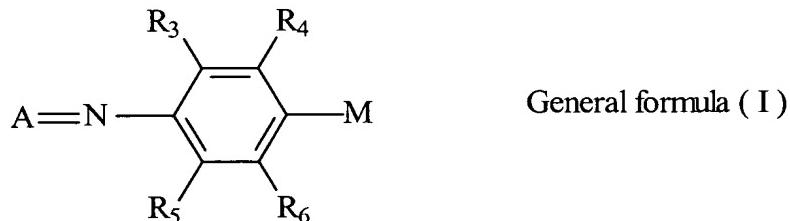
Claim 6 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 5, wherein content of the oil-soluble polymer in the coloring composition is from 10 to 1000 mass parts, relative to 100 mass parts of the oil-soluble dye.

Claim 7 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 5, further comprising a high boiling point organic solvent.

Claim 8 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 7, wherein content of the high boiling point organic solvent in the coloring composition is from 1 to 1000 mass parts, relative to 100 mass parts of the oil-soluble dye.

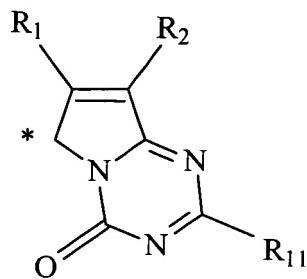
Claim 9 (Original): An ink-jet ink according to claim 5, wherein, in the coloring particulates, the oil-soluble dye is dispersed in the oil-soluble polymer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A coloring composition comprising an oil-soluble dye represented by following general formula (I):



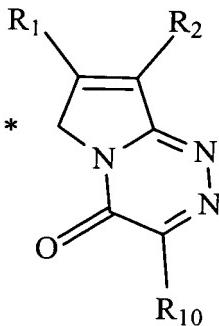
wherein A represents a group represented by one of general formulae (IV) and (VI) to (XX), R<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>6</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a first substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom; an alkyl group; an alkenyl group; an aryl group; a

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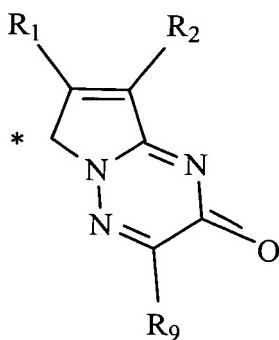


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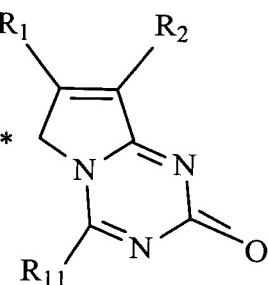
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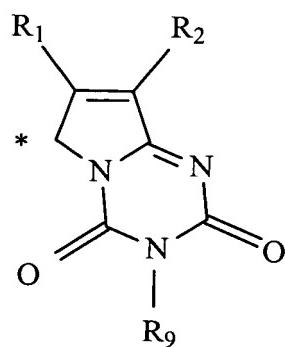
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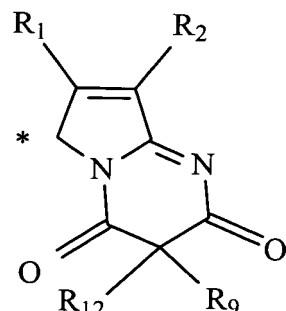
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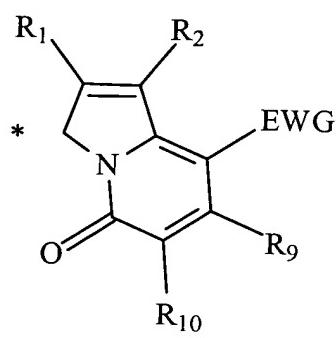
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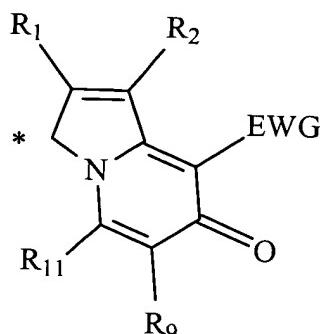
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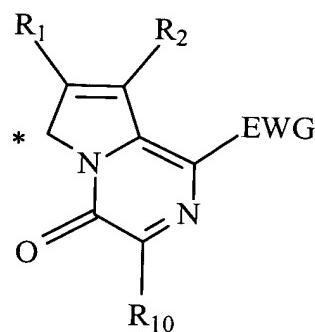
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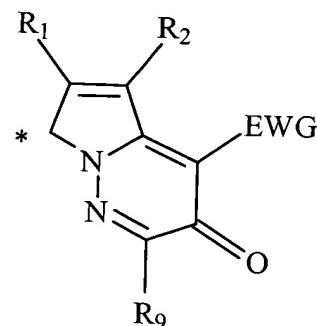
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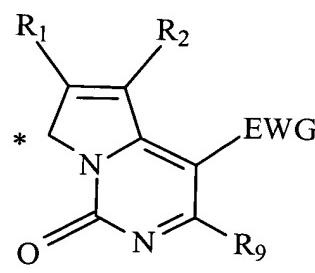
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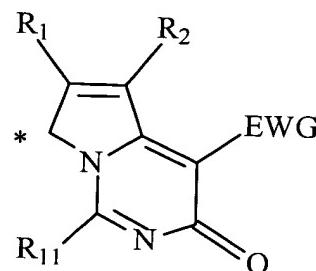
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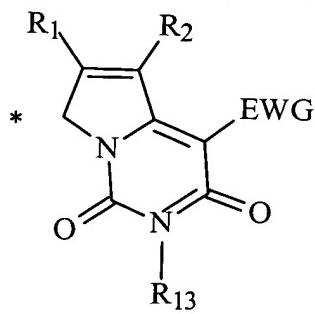
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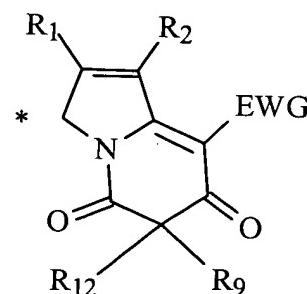
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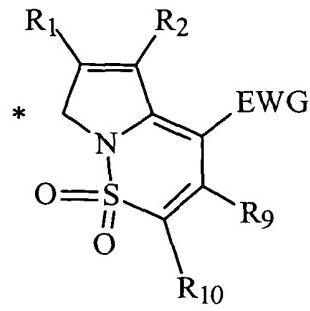
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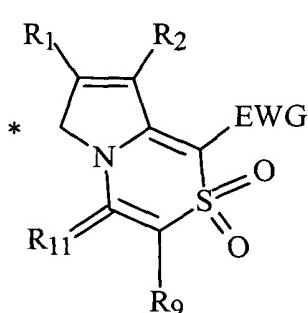
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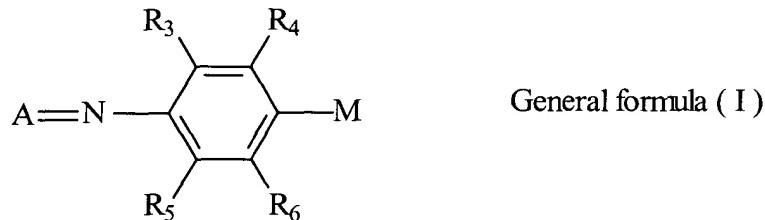


wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>9</sub>-R<sub>13</sub> each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a second substituent, R<sub>2</sub> represents a substituent, selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom; an alkyl group; an alkenyl group; an aryl group; a heterocyclic group; a cyano group; a silyl group; a hydroxyl group; a nitro group; an alkoxy group; an aryloxy group; a heterocyclic oxy group; a silyloxy group; an acyloxy group; an alkoxy carbonyloxy group; an aryloxycarbonyloxy group; a carbamoyloxy group; a sulfamoyloxy group; an alkylsulfonyloxy group; an arylsulfonyloxy group; a carboxyl group; an acyl group; an alkoxycarbonyl group; an aryloxycarbonyl group; a carbamoyl group; an amino group; an anilino group; a heterocyclic amino group; a carbonamide group; a carbamoylamino group; an imide group; an alkoxy carbonylamino group; an aryloxycarbonylamino group; a sulfonamide group; a sulfamoylamino group; an azo group; an alkylthio group; an arylthio group; a heterocyclic thio group; an alkylsulfinyl group; an aryl sulfinyl group; an alkylsulfonyl group; an arylsulfonyl group; a sulfamoyl group; a sulfo group; a phosphonyl group; and a phosphonoylamino, and wherein the second substituent is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent

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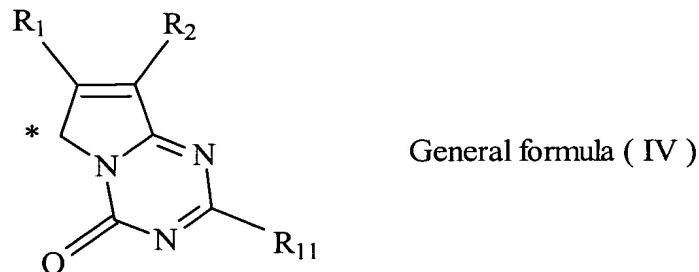
Claim 11 (Original): A coloring composition according to claim 10, wherein said coloring composition is used for an ink composition.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An ink jet recording method wherein recording is performed using an ink-jet ink that includes a coloring composition including an oil-soluble dye represented by following general formula (I):

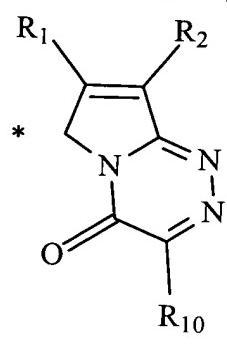


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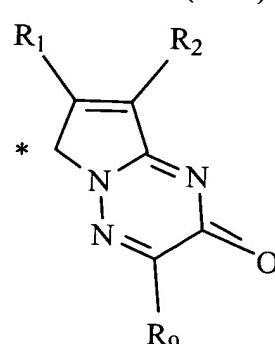
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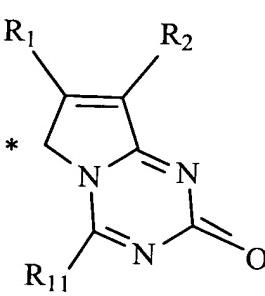
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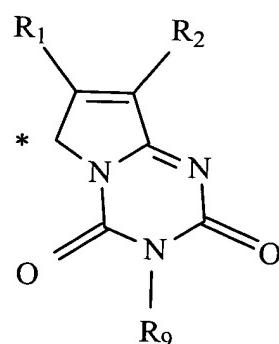
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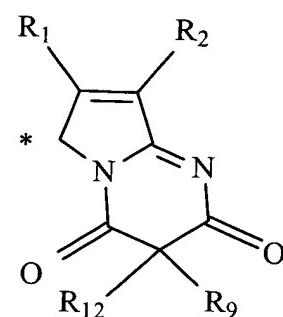
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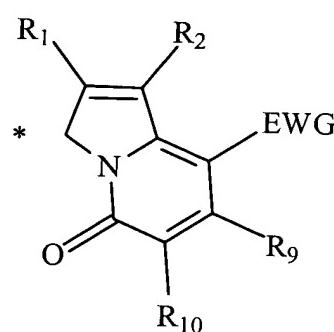
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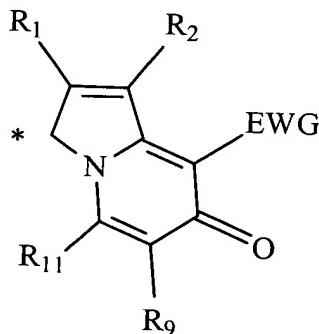
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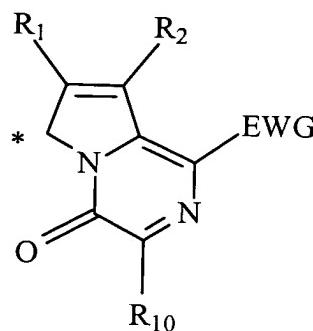
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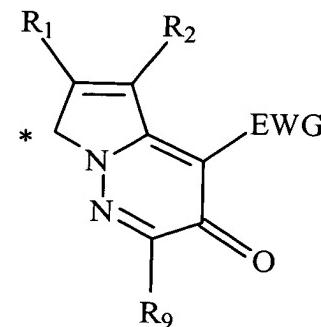
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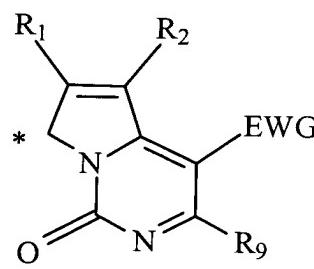
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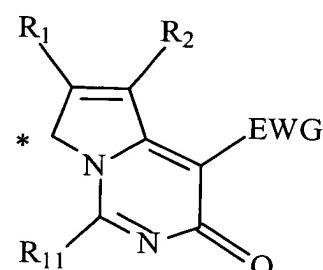
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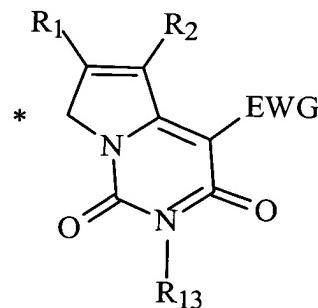
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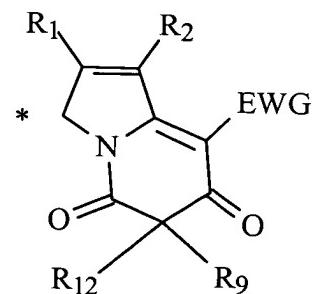
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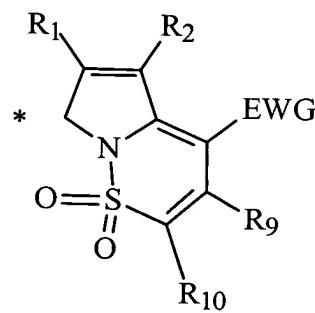
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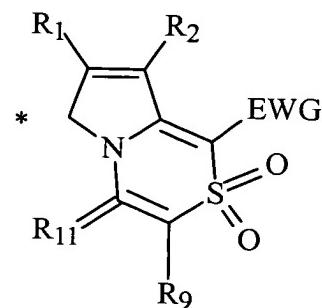
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General formula ( XX )



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_9$ - $R_{13}$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a second substituent,  $R_2$  represents a substituent, selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom; an alkyl group; an alkenyl group; an aryl group; a heterocyclic group; a cyano group; a silyl group; a hydroxyl group; a nitro group; an alkoxy group; an aryloxy group; a heterocyclic oxy group; a silyloxy group; an acyloxy group; an alkoxy carbonyloxy group; an aryloxycarbonyloxy group; a carbamoyloxy group; a sulfamoyloxy group; an alkylsulfonyloxy group; an arylsulfonyloxy group; a carboxyl group; an acyl group; an alkoxy carbonyl group; an aryloxycarbonyl group; a carbamoyl group; an amino group; an anilino group; a heterocyclic amino group; a carbonamide group; a carbamoylamino group; an imide group; an alkoxy carbonylamino group; an aryloxycarbonylamino group; a sulfonamide group; a sulfamoylamino group; an azo group; an alkylthio group; an arylthio group; a heterocyclic thio group; an alkylsulfinyl group; an aryl sulfinyl group; an alkylsulfonyl group; an arylsulfonyl group; a sulfamoyl group; a sulfo group; a phosphonyl group; and a phosphonoylamino, and wherein the second substituent is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent selected from the substituents from which the second substituent is chosen, EWG represents an electron-withdrawing group having a Hammett's substituent constant  $\sigma_P$  value of 0.35 or more, and \* represents a bonding position.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An ink jet recording method according to claim 12, wherein A in general formula (I) is a group represented by general formula (IV).

Claim 14 (Original): An ink jet recording method according to claim 12, wherein the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) is dispersed in a water-based medium.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An ink jet recording method according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) is dissolved in a high boiling point organic solvent having a boiling point of at least 150°C and a dielectric constant of 3 to 12 before being dispersed in the water-based medium.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An ink jet recording method according to claim ~~12~~ 14, wherein coloring particulates, which contain the oil-soluble dye represented by general formula (I) and an oil-soluble polymer, are dispersed in the water-based medium.

Claim 17 (Original): An ink jet recording method according to claim 16, further comprising a high boiling point organic solvent.

Claim 18 (Original): An ink jet recording method according to claim 16, wherein, in the coloring particulates, the oil-soluble dye is dispersed in the oil-soluble polymer.